MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : പൊതുജനങ്ങളും ചേർന്ന് ഈ ആശുപത്രിക്കുവേണ്ട കെട്ടിടങ്ങളും കെട്ടിക്കുവാൻ പരിശ്രമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

DR. S. JOHN: അറിയാം.

MR. T. T. KESAVANSASTRI: എത്രകാലമായി അങ്ങനെ പരിശ്രമിച്ചിട്ട് ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഒരുകൊല്ലമായി.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഇപ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ നടത്തിപ്പ് എങ്ങനെയിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു പറയാമോ?

DR. S. JOHN : കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ ഫൗണ്ടേഷൻ കെട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്, ബേസ്മെൻറും കെട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. പിന്നെ ആസ്ഥലം അങ്ങിനെ കിടപ്പുണ്ട്. ഇതാണ് ആ കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ ഇന്നത്തെ നില.

Tuberculosis Hospital.

36 * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of beds at present in the Tuberculosis Hospital at Nagercoil ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that patients are put to hardship for want of accommodation in the hospital ?

DR. S. JOHN : (*a*) 80.

(*b*) Yes. Additional accommodation will be provided in the hospital. When the construction of the wards now taken in hand is completed there will be about two hundred beds available, and further arrangements have been made for the early construction of a few more semi-general wards as also a few cheap pay wards.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government has collected any statistics with regard to the incidence of tuberculosis in the State ?

DR. S. JOHN : A survey has been proposed to be taken.

PRESIDENT : Has any statistics been taken till now ?

DR. S. JOHN : It will be taken soon.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether it is not possible to arrive at figures from the vital statistics maintained in the Neyyattinkara Health Unit regarding death on account of respiratory diseases?

PRESIDENT : The figures that came to me were above 10,000. I had the statistics gathered a couple of years ago and it was computed very roughly that it would be at least 10,000.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government is aware that there is necessity for more beds in the tuberculosis hospital and also for more such hospitals ?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

PRESIDENT : It will be a fatal mistake to locate tuberculosis hospitals except in places having very dry climate. For instance, locating a tuberculosis hospital in Shertallai or Alleppey would only accentuate the tubercular statistics. That is why in the whole of India for instance, there are only 5 or 6 tuberculosis hospitals, one in Darjeeling, one in Madanapally, one in Lonavia etc. I fully realise that Government have a great responsibility in this matter and that even if it comes to having hospitals with 500 or 1,000 beds they will do so and I may alse state that it is really part of Government's programme to increase the number of beds in these hospitals. But there is one limiting factor namely that in these hospitals the treatment depends more upon rest and a good diet in a dry climate than on diagnosis and intensive treatment. This treatment can be given in one or two limited places only ; Nagercoil was considered the best place in the whole State. I think orders have been issued to have an increase in the number of beds to 200, and honourable members will take it from me that as soon as possible that programme will be put through.

Another aspect was mentioned. There are many appliances and apparatus that are necessary without which tuberculosis hospitals would be worse than useless. We are not surely giving the best treatment that we ought to give to these people because of the lack of certain facilities that we cannot get owing to the war.

Admission to the Medical Colleges.

37 ✻ **MR. V. MADHAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste-war statement showing the number of students selected for admission to the medical colleges outside Travancore since the year 1116.

DR. S. JOHN: The time and labour involved in the compilation of these statistics are disproportionate to the benefits derivable.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : മെഡിക്കൽ കോളേജുകളിൽ ഫ ഫ ന്നു, ഫ ഫ ഒ, ഫ ഫ വ്വ, ഫ ഫ ൻ, ഫ ഫ ഠ ഠ ഈ വർഷങ്ങളിൽ എത്രപേരെ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്നു പറയാമോ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഓരോ വർഷത്തിലേയും കണക്കുകൾ പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകമായി പറയുവാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഫ ഫ ഠ ഠ–ാമാണ്ടു് എത്ര ആളുകളെ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു് എന്നു് പറയാമോ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഫ ഫ ഠ ഠ –ൽ ആറുപേരെ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : അവരെ ഏതെല്ലാം കോളേജുകളിലാണു് അയച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്?

DR. S. JOHN : നാലു് പേരെ മദ്രാസിലും രണ്ടുപേരെ കൽക്കട്ടയിലും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly